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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	24th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Singapore

Kyrgyzstan

Lesotho

Palau

Cambodia

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	25th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Liberia

Central African Republic

Cameroon

Bolivia

Myanmar

Andorra

Haiti

Nauru

Vanuatu

Gambia

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of three Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/55/250 and Corr.1, A/C.2/55/1, A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Procurement reform
2. Outsourcing practices

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Second Committee.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1999 [8] *(continued)* (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.6)

2. Report on internal audit activities [9] (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.7)

3. Programme of work for 2001 [10] (E/ICEF/2000/15)

4. Other matters [11]

5. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [12]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

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Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 20 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) *today*, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Wednesday, 20 September 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on forests)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS/NY) will hold a workshop on emotional well-being *today*, 20 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooom 8. All are invited to attend.

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There will be a meetinng of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *today*, 20 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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10 a.m. 26th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Yemen

Mongolia

Comoros

Georgia

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Tajikistan

Cyprus

3 p.m. 27th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Grenada

Afghanistan

Iraq

Burundi

Maldives

Zimbabwe

Bahamas

Argentina

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Niger

Marshall Islands

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krealova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription *today*, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935; electronic mail: newellk@un.org).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on oceans and seas)* on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 18 September 2000

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

15th and 16th meetings

Opening of the session [1]

The session was opened by the President of the Executive Board (Bangladesh).

The Executive Director made a statement.

Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2]

The Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the item.

The provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2000/14) were adopted, as amended orally.

Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [3]

a) Country programme recommendations

b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

The Director, Programme Division, gave an overview of the country programmes.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and France, to which the Director responded.

The Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Denmark, Canada, Burundi and France, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1/Add.1 to P/L.3/Add.1, P/L.28 to P/L.32.

The Regional Director for West and Central Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Congo, Ghana, France, Costa Rica, Switzerland and Nigeria, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.4/Add.1 to P/L.6/Add.1, P/L.33 to P/L.34.

The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland, Colombia and Panama, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.7/Add.1, P/L.8/Add.1, P/L.35 to P/L.37.

The Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Denmark, Finland, Indonesia, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Canada, France and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.9/Add.1 to P/L.13/Add.1, P/L.38 to P/L.39.

The Regional Director for South Asia introduced the country programme recommendation for that region.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.14/Add.1.

The Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Turkey, Oman, France, Bangladesh and Palestine, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.40 to P/L.44/Corr.1 and P/L.45.

The Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Turkey, the United States, the Russian Federation and Switzerland, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.15/Add.1 to P/L.17/Add.1.

The Executive Board also approved the recommendations contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.46.

The representative of India made a statement on document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.27.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4198th (private) meeting

The situation in East Timor

At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"The Security Council met in private at its 4198th meeting, held on 19 September 2000, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in East Timor", for the purpose of a briefing by the Government of Indonesia.

"The President extended an invitation in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Special Envoy of the Government of Indonesia, Coordinating Minister for Political, Social and Security Affairs.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono had a frank and constructive discussion about the need for early and full implementation of resolution 1319 (2000)."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

22nd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Lee Joung-binn, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. José Miguel Alemán Healy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; H.E. Mr. Alwi Shihab, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali and for Malians Abroad; H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar; and H.E. Alhaji Sule Lamido, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Nasser Al-Kidwa, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of Palestine.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the General Committee would hold its 3rd meeting on Wednesday, 27 September, at 9 a.m., to consider a request by Equatorial Guinea for the inclusion of an additional item contained in document A/55/233.

The President also informed the General Assembly that consideration of agenda item 10 (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization) would resume on Wednesday morning, 27 September, and that the list of speakers for agenda item 10 would be open on Wednesday, 20 September.

23rd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [122]

The Assembly took note that Sierra Leone had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.5.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Sama Banya, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan Ataeva, Chairperson of the Delegation of Turkmenistan; H.E. Mr. Domingo Siazon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. The Honourable Lieutenant General Mompati Merafhe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Alhaj Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Jaswant Singh, Minister for External Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Clement Rohee, Minister for For-

eign Affairs of Guyana; H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister of External Relations of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of the Congo; and H.E. The Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), declared open the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mrs. Jasminka Dinic (Croatia) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

In connection with the post of Vice-Chairman from the African States, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States), Cameroon and Botswana.

The Committee then decided to postpone the election of the remaining Vice-Chairman to the Committee's next meeting.

The Committee also elected, by acclamation, Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/55/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda of the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman reiterated the relevant provisions regarding organizational aspects recommended by the General Assembly as contained in document A/55/250. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/55/L.2).

Statements concerning the status of preparedness of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta and Turkey), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Pakistan, New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee then approved the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/55/L.2) on the understanding that adjustments would be made during the course of the session, as required.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(b) Appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)

The Committee began its consideration of this sub-item.

The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Mr. Wu Gang (China) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term to replace Mr. Ju Kuilin (China) upon his resignation, beginning on the date of appointment by the General Assembly until 31 December 2002.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Tajikistan and the Comoros.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to resume its consideration of the item at a later date.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376)

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/65.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/376).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Cuba and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement regarding the issuance of draft proposals.

The Committee decided to resume consideration of this question in informal consultations.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Fifth Committee would be held on Friday, 22 September 2000, in the morning, with a view to electing the Vice-Chairman from the Group of African States to complete the Bureau.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 17th and 18th meetings

Health matters [4]

(a) Overview of recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization, including GAVI: oral report

(b) Recommendations for the extension of cooperation with Rotary International for polio eradication and for the extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative

The Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Strategic Planning, made a presentation on recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, India, Denmark, the Netherlands, Canada, the Sudan, Sweden, Japan, the United States, the Russian Federation, Guyana, Guinea, China, France, Switzerland, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Rotary International and the World Health Organization.

The Deputy Executive Director responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.47.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council: oral report [5]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, reported on this item.

The representative of Denmark made a statement, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Financial medium-term plan (MTP) for the period 2000-2003 [6]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, China, the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, the United Kingdom, India, Japan, Cuba and France, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.5.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes: oral report [7]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, reported on the item.

Statements were made by representatives of Argentina and Bangladesh to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1999 [8]

The Director, Private Sector Division, introduced the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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Iraq (S/2000/857)

Other matters

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Tajikistan

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Federated States of Micronesia

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Maldives

Zimbabwe

Bahamas

Argentina

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Niger

Marshall Islands

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10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Subjects

1. Executive session on the Board of Auditors; the World Food Programme; procurement reform; and outsourcing practices

2. Information technologies

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee and Sixth Committee on oceans and seas)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *today*, 21 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 22 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	28th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Rwanda

Antigua and Barbuda

United Republic of Tanzania

Venezuela

Mauritius

Eritrea

Benin

Equatorial Guinea

Nicaragua

Uzbekistan

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

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Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the third regular session of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA)* on Friday, 22 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefings

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold a briefing for non-governmental organizations, on the current status of the informal consultations, within the Economic and Social Council, on the establishment of the International Arrangement on Forests. The briefing will be held on Friday, 22 September 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4199th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Sixth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/882, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/882).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/882) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1321 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

24th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Eldar Kouliev, Chairman of the Delegation of Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Information and Broadcasting of Namibia and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Shunmugam Jayakumar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore; H.E. Ms. Elmira Ibraimova, Chairperson of the Delegation of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. The Honourable Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Hersey Kyota, Chairman of the Delegation of Palau; and H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia.

25th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Monie Captan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Liberia; H.E. Mr. Marcel Metefara, Minister for Foreign Affairs and la Francophonie of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Fernando Messmer, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell, Chairman of the Delegation of Andorra; H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Vinci Niel Clodumar, Chairman of the Delegation of Nauru; H.E. Mr. Alfred Carlot, Chairman of the Delegation of Vanuatu; and H.E. Mr. Momodou Lamin Sedat Jobe, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Guinea.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland) and Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico) as Vice-Chairmen. The Committee defer the election the post of one Vice-Chairman and the post of Rapporteur to a later meeting.

Organization of work

The Committee had before it documents A/55/250 and Corr.1 and A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee suggested oral revisions to the programme of work, as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1.

A statement was made by the representative of Bangladesh, who orally amended the programme of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Egypt, Chile, Norway, the Russian Federation and the Sudan.

The Committee agreed to reschedule item 95 (g) to the afternoon of 31 October 2000, item 97 to the afternoon of 9 November, item 92 (a), (b) and (c), to the morning of 27 October and item 102 to the afternoon of 27 October.

The Committee approved the programme of work, as orally revised.

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 19th meeting

Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31December 1999 [8] (continued)

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Sweden, China, Switzerland, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan and Canada.

The Chairperson of the Standing Group of National Committees also made a statement.

Members of the secretariat responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.6.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Report on internal audit activities [9]

The Director, Office of Internal Audit, introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, Norway and Australia.

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Board took note of the report contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.7.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

Programme of work for 2001 [10]

The Secretary of the Board introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, the United States, Switzerland, India, Denmark and Guinea.

The President of the Board made a statement.

The Board adopted the draft programme of work for 2001 contained in document E/ICEF/2000/15, as amended orally.

The Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

Other matters [11]

The representative of Philippines made a statement.

The representative of Colombia made a statement.

The representative of Canada made a statement.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The President of the Executive Board made a statement.

Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [12]

The Executive Director made a closing statement.

The President of the Executive Board, H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), made a statement and declared the second regular session for 2000 closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 21 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held *today*, 21 September 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization; and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 22 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/835)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 28th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Rwanda

Antigua and Barbuda

United Republic of Tanzania

Venezuela

Mauritius

Eritrea

Benin

Equatorial Guinea

Nicaragua

Uzbekistan

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

Election of a Vice-Chairman

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States
2. Improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi
3. Remote interpretation
4. Executive session on World Food Programme

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

10 a.m. -1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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United Nations Population Fund

An informal consultative meeting on reproduction health commodity security will take place *today*, 22 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at <http://www.un.org/ga/55>.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Information regarding the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence is available at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1412) or on the Web site of the Division at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/advsg01.pdf>.

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Friday, 22 September 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THE SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on the third regular session of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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Committees

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Panel discussion

There will be a high-level panel on information technology and public administration in preparation for the General Assembly deliberations on globalization and interdependence, (agenda item 100), which this year will focus on information technology, on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Dr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council. The panellists will be Ms. Jill Velenosi, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada; Dr. William H. Melody, Professor, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands); Mr. Subir Hari Singh, JS, Head of Electronic Governance Division, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India; and Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman, Regional Information Technology & Software Engineering Center (Egypt).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Round table

A round table on "Capacity-building for Sustainable Development and Agriculture", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Department of Tropical and Sub-tropical Agricultural Studies of the University of Catania (Italy), will be held on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be conducted in English.

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World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

26th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Abdalla Saleh Al-Ashtal, Chairman of the Delegation of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Luvsangiin Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; H.E. Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia; H.E. Mr. Hugo Tolentino Dipp, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Ms. Paulina García de Larrea, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; H.E. Mr. Rashid Alimov, Chairman of the Delegation of Tajikistan; H.E. Mr. Ioannis Kasoulides, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cyprus; and H.E. Mr. Masao Nakayama, Chairman of the Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia (on behalf of the members of the Pacific Island Forum group of countries at the United Nations).

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/55/3, which contained a partial programme of work and schedule. The President also informed the General Assembly that the lists of speakers for items contained in document A/INF/55/3 were open.

The President informed the General Assembly that the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme would take place on Wednesday afternoon, 1 November.

The President also informed the Assembly that the 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities would be held in the morning of Wednesday and Thursday, 1 and 2 November.

The President also informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees would take place on Friday morning, 10 November.

The President further informed the Assembly that the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East would take place on Monday morning, 4 December.

27th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. the Honourable Elvin Nimrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Grenada; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan; H.E. Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq; H.E. Mr. Marc Nteturuye, Chairman of the Delegation of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Hussain Shihab, Chairman of the Delegation of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Stanislaus Mudenge, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe; H.E. the Honourable Janet Bostwick, Attorney General and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas; H.E. Mr. Enrique Candioti, Secretary of State and Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Argentina; H.E. the Honourable Allan Cruickshank, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Ousmane Moutari, Chairman of the Delegation of the Niger; and H.E. Mr. Jackeo Relang, Chairman of the Delegation of the Marshall Islands.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait, the United Kingdom, Iraq and Argentina.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2000

643rd and 644th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Finland (CRC/C/70/Add.3)

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2000

645th and 646th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Burundi (CRC/C/3/Add.58)

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2000

647th and 648th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial reports of the United Kingdom (Isle of Man (CRC/C/11/Add.19 and Corr.1); and Overseas Territories (CRC/C/41/Add.7 and Add.9)).

In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Gabon (20 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Ratification: Gabon (20 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global summit

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by Mr. Francesc Vendrell, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the Special Mission to Afghanistan

(S/2000/875)

Eritrea/Ethiopia

(S/2000/879)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

4 p.m. 204th (closed) meeting* Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

2. Agenda items 18, 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

   General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1); *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1; E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add. 1)

3. Documents of the Fourth Committee (A/C.4/55/INF/1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103] (A/55/3*, A/55/74, A/55/139-E/2000/93, A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766, A/C.3/55/L.2 and E/2000/9)

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104] (A/55/167, A/55/257-S/2000/766)

   Introductory statement and general discussion

* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Allocation of agenda items (A/C.6/55/2)

Organization of work (A/C.6/55/L.1)

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 (A/55/37)

Draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (A/C.6/55/1)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

Morning*-1 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on meetings of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions held away from Headquarters

2. Administrative matters

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	38th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Organizational matters: Agenda and work plan for the session [1] (DP/2000/L.4)

2. UNFPA: Resource allocation system [2] (DP/FPA/2000/14)

3. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/FPA/2000/15)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group on Monday, 25 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

Announcements

Information regarding the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence is available at the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC1-1412) or on the Web site of the Division at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/advsg01.pdf>.

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Monday, 25 September 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Announcement

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krcalova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

Panel discussion

There will be a high-level panel on information technology and public administration in preparation for the General Assembly deliberations on globalization and interdependence, (agenda item 100), which this year will focus on information technology, on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Dr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council. The panellists will be Ms. Jill Velenosi, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada; Dr. William H. Melody, Professor, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands); Mr. Subir Hari Singh, JS, Head of Electronic Governance Division, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India; and Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman, Regional Information Technology & Software Engineering Center (Egypt).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, will brief members of the Fifth Committee on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, in the morning, following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee. The briefing will focus on three emerging management issues: Human resources management reform, capital master plan and the development of a comprehensive information technology strategy.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

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Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, (on trust funds) from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, and on Friday, 29 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 8th (closed) meeting of the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will be held on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room C, and on Thursday, 28 September 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 28 September 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Round table

A round table on "Capacity-building for Sustainable Development and Agriculture", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Department of Tropical and Sub-tropical Agricultural Studies of the University of Catania (Italy), will be held on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be conducted in English.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations of interested delegations on agenda item 179 (Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects) will be held on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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World Bank Seminar

A seminar on the theme "World Development Report 2000/2001: Attacking Poverty", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 22 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

28th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Joseph Mutaboba, Chairman of the Delegation of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda; H.E. Mr. Hassan Gumbo Kibelloh, Chairman of the Delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Ignacio Arcaya, Chairman of the Delegation of Venezuela; H.E. the Honourable Anil Kumarsingh Gayan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Mauritius; H.E. Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea; H.E. Mr. Joël Wassi Adechi, Chairman of the Delegation of Benin; H.E. Mr. Narciso Ntugu Abeso Oyana, Chairman of the Delegation of Equatorial Guinea; and H.E. Mr. José Adán Guerra, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua.

The President made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Kingdom, the Comores, Ethiopia, Armenia, Eritrea and Azerbaijan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 9.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana) as a Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and informed the Committee of the programme of work for its next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 27 September, in the morning.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire and Brazil.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Signature: Comoros (22 September 2000)

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Signature: Comoros (22 September 2000)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Comoros (22 September 2000)

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Comoros (22 September 2000)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Singapore (22 September 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Singapore (22 September 2000)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Luxembourg (22 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Luxembourg (22 September 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Italy (22 September 2000)*

Entry into force: 22 December 2000, *in accordance with article 16 (1) of the Protocol.*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Staff Day

The events concerning United Nations Staff Day 2000 will take place on Monday, 25 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. The flag raising ceremony in the memory of those personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the promenade of the visitors' entrance. The opening session will take place in the General Assembly Hall. The President of the Staff Union, the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General will address the staff. All are invited.

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Special screening

A special screening of the documentary film entitled "Crimes of Honour", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in cooperation with Equality Now, will take place on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to be followed by a discussion with the Jordanian lawyer, Mrs. Asma Khader. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
Mr. Fares Kuindwa

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh

Eastern European States:
Russian Federation
H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Barbados
H.E. Miss June Yvonne Clarke

Western European and other States:
Sweden
H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori

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Tuesday, 26 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

consultations of the whole
(closed)

10 a.m. Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/888)

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2000/879)

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3.30 p.m. 8th (closed) meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/55/2, A/C.4/55/3 and Add.1-20)

2. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)) A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/ 2000/13-18, A/C.4/55/L.3); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1); *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1; E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add. 1)

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Continuation of general discussion

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WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	39th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	40th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. UNFPA: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [3] (DP/FPA/2000/15)

2. UNFPA: Technical advisory programme [4] (DP/FPA/2000/16)

3. UNFPA: Country programmes and related matters [5] (DP/FPA/KHM/2; DP/FPA/VNM/6)

4. Other matters: Coordinating Committee on Health [11]

5. Pending decisions

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 26 September, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

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The panel will be chaired by Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director, Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, will chair the panel. The panellists will be Ms. Jill Velenosi, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada; Dr. William H. Melody, Professor, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology (Netherlands); Mr. Subir Hari Singh, JS, Head of Electronic Governance Division, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India; and Dr. Hisham El Sherif, Chairman, Regional Information Technology & Software Engineering Center (Egypt).

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GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

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NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 34 (a): oceans and the law of the Sea)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Wednesday, 27 September 2000

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Fifty-fifth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

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10 a.m.	29th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	30th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/55/1) [10]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E. Connor, will brief members of the Fifth Committee on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, in the morning, following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee. The briefing will focus on three emerging management issues: Human resources management reform, capital master plan and the development of a comprehensive information technology strategy.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 25 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

Upon nomination by the representatives of Belarus and Spain, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Ms. Jelena Grčić Polić (Croatia) and Mr. Julian Vassallo (Malta) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

Upon nomination by the representative of Bolivia, and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Mr. Shingo Yamomoto (Japan) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/55/23 (Parts II to III)).

The Chairman of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, China, Algeria, New Zealand, Cuba, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group), Brazil (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile), the United States, Morocco and Yemen.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Chairman drew attention to aide-mémoire 1/00 which contained requests for hearing relating to the questions of Gibraltar and Western Sahara, as well as receipt of a further request relating to Western Sahara.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Morocco.

The Committee decided to circulate the requests for hearing as Committee documents.

The Committee, as suggested by the Chairman, decided to set the deadline for submission for further requests for hearing by Tuesday, 26 September, at 12 noon, and to be processed as documents to be considered at the next meeting.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the communications received from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, the Governor of Guam and a representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Hazel de Wet (Namibia) and Mr. Mostafa Alaie (Islamic Republic of Iran) as Vice-Chairpersons and Ms. Anzhela Korneliouk (Belarus) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Address by the Under-Secretary-General of the Economic and Social Affairs

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Committee.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

The Chief, Programme on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Senegal, the United States, Cuba, Bangladesh, Rwanda and Norway.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

The Committee was also reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals on items 103 and 104 was on Thursday, 28 September, 6 p.m.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected Mr. Salah T. Suheimat (Jordan), Mr. Marcelo Vázquez (Ecuador), Mr. Kenjika I. Ekedede (Nigeria) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Drahoslav Stefanek of Slovakia as Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/55/L.1 and orally amended by the Chairman.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 51/210 and 54/110, the Committee reestablished a Working Group to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by resolution 51/210 and elected Mr. Rohan Perera (Sri Lanka) to chair this Working Group and decided that the Working Group, like the Ad Hoc Committee, would be open to all States members of the United Nations, members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/98 and 54/101, the Committee decided to reestablish the open-ended Working Group to continue its work on the consideration of the future form of, and outstanding substantive issues related to, the draft articles on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property adopted by the International Law Commission. Professor Gerhard Hafner (Austria) was elected as Chairman of the Working Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special screening

A special screening of the documentary film entitled "Crimes of Honour", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in cooperation with Equality Now, will take place *today*, 26 September 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to be followed by a discussion with the Jordanian lawyer, Mrs. Asma Khader. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization; and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Identical letters dated 21 August 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the Presidents of the General Assembly and of the Security Council (S/2000/809) and the enclosed report

Other matters

3 p.m. 4200th meeting* Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* A briefing will be given by Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

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10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. General debate on all decolonization items: *item 18* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapters VI, IX-XI), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (D-F, H)), A/55/303, A/55/384-S/2000/870, A/C.4/55/L.2, L.3 and L.4, A/AC.109/2000/2-10, A/AC.109/2000/13-18); *item 88* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VIII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (A)), A/55/77 and Add.1); *item 89* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter V), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (B)); *item 90* (A/55/23 (Part II, chapter VII), A/55/23 (Part III, chapter XIII (C)), A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/C.4/55/CRP.1; E/2000/68); *item 91* (A/55/81 and Add.1)
2. Request for hearing (A/C.4/55/4)
3. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories
4. Hearing of petitioners

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/55/34 and A/54/960)

   Introduction and general discussion
3. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

   Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)

   Conclusion of general discussion

   Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Morning*	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Management for members of the Fifth Committee on three emerging management issues: Human resources management reform, capital master plan and the development of a comprehensive information technology strategy

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376)), 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2)) and 153 (Administrative and Budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States (A/54/763 and A/54/869))

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* Following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	6th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management
2. Mechanisms of accountability and responsibility
3. Management irregularities
4. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice at the United Nations and comments of the Secretary-General

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	766th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	767th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Consideration of special reports [7]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	41st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	42nd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. United Nations Office of Project Services [6] (DP/2000/30, DP/2000/37 and Add.1, DP/2000/38)
2. Follow-up to evaluation of UNDP/UNOPS relationship [8] (DP/2000/35)
3. UNDP: Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [7] (DP/2000/29 and Add.1, DP/2000/31, DP/2000/32, DP/2000/33, DP/2000/39 and Add.1)

[There will be a meeting of the donors group *today*, 27 September 2000, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D.]

[There will be a briefing on SURF system and networks *today*, 27 September 2000, from 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.]

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Wednesday, 27 September 2000

ARAB GROUP
(on Sixth Committee matters)

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.-3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Fifth Committee matters) today*, 27 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

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10 a.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Special Representative to the United Nations, is organizing a debriefing following the annual meetings of September 2000 of the IMF. The debriefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 3 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 4 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 6 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 27 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Ageing and Development", sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the United Nations Programme on Ageing, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 4 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Speakers will include Mr. Akilagpa Sawyerr, Association of African Universities; Mr. Ascobat Gani, University of Indonesia; Ms. Linda Wong, University of Hong Kong (and currently working at DESA); and Mr. Antony de Bono, International Institute on Ageing. Mr. Nizamuddin, Director, Technical and Policy Division of UNFPA, and Mr. Sidorenko, Chief, United Nations Programme on Ageing, will also participate in the discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretary staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special event

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Development" on Tuesday, 10 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in room DC2-2525. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of WIPO. Prospective participants should contact Ms. Lynette Dasanayake to reserve space (tel.: (212) 963-6813; fax: (212) 963-4801).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 4th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United Kingdom, India, Tunisia, the Philippines, Madagascar, the United Republic of Tanzania, Haiti and the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered 22 communications containing requests for hearing, one relating to Gibraltar (A/C.4/55/2) and 21 relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/55/3 and Add.1-20), which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of a communication containing a request for hearing relating to New Caledonia and decided to circulate the request for hearing as a document of the Committee.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

The representative of the Department of Political Affairs replied to questions posed to her by the representative of Morocco.

The Chairman replied to a question posed to him by the representative of Papua New Guinea.

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [103]

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77), Colombia (also on behalf of the member countries of the Rio Group: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana, as well as the member countries of the Caribbean Community), the Netherlands, Japan, Denmark, Australia, Chile, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of agenda items 103 and 104.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Nepal, Algeria, Indonesia, Singapore, the Sudan, Burkina Faso and Pakistan.

The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2000

649th and 650th meetings

General discussion on "State violence against children" [5]

The Committee held a general discussion under agenda item 5.

Opening statements were made by the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on Torture, as well as by members of the Committee.

The Committee adopted a series of recommendations.

MONDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2000

651st (closed) meeting

Methods of work of the Committee [7]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

652nd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item in closed session.

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2000

653rd and 654th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Tajikistan (CRC/C/28/Add.14).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

{MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL}

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Barbados (22 September 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Romania (26 September 2000)

Signature: San Marino (26 September 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global summit

A Global Summit of Polio Eradication Partners will take place *today*, 27 September 2000, from 9.45 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2. Speakers will include Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Ted Turner, Chair of the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships; Mr. Frank Devlyn, President of Rotary International; Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services (United States); Ms. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Special Representative; Ms. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization; and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Health Situation in Africa: HIV/AIDS and Other Priorities", organized by the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 28 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be chaired by Dr. Fabrizio Bassani, Executive Director, WHO Office at the United Nations. Dr. Ebrahim M. Samba, Regional Director, WHO Regional Office for Africa, will be the keynote speaker. H.E. Prof. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations, and H.E. Mr. Kiyotaka Akasaka, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, will co-chair the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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